

OTTUMWA WOULD NOW KEEP TEAM THROUGH SEASON

Business Men Offer to Pay Debts and Retain Baseball for the Year.

BUT HAVE SPOKEN TOO LATE

Team, for Three-Eye, Files a Formal Protest With the National Board.

Influences are at work in two quarters to prevent the transfer of the Ottumwa ball team to the Central association to Rock Island. Ottumwa people have come to the front with an offer to pay off the debts and carry the club to the end of the season, and the Three-Eye league has officially protested to the national board of arbitration here on the ground that this is Three-Eye territory.

A number of Ottumwa business men have apparently been stirred to action by the prospect of losing the ball team, but, judging by the disposition of the league officers and the other teams, they have been aroused from their lethargy too late. So far as the Central association is concerned it has no disposition to go back on what has been done.

The protest to Secretary Farrell of the national board was made by President Al Teaney of the Three-Eye, after a visit to Chicago Saturday by Clarence Rowland, manager of the Peoria team. Mr. Rowland would like to see a team in Rock Island, he being one of several in that circuit who think this city should have been given Danville's berth last spring.

Stands on Decision.
Secretary Farrell today notified President Justice of the Central of the fact that the protest had been filed. Mr. Justice replied that the Central had acted upon the decision made by Mr. Farrell himself last spring when he declared that the Three-Eye cannot hold Rock Island unless it places a team here and that the claim that this city is within five miles of the Davenport park will not hold because this rule is not operative across a state line. Whether the Three-Eye will carry the matter further before the baseball authorities or make an appeal to the courts, is not known. It is believed here that the circuit should consider itself sufficiently protected by the stipulation which it is proposed to make, that Rock Island shall not become Central association territory beyond this season, but shall have the option of choosing its own company after this year.

Manager E. F. Egan of Ottumwa, is now with his club, which is playing at Muscatine, and will not return here till the team comes to open Friday with Burlington. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Muscatine plays at Ottumwa.

Cook Business Manager.
Louis Cook, the former Islander manager and shortstop, is in charge of the work being done at the Island City ball park to get it in readiness for the opening game. He will act as business manager here for Mr. Egan. A good deal of work will have to be done at the park. The fence will have to be braced and patched up in places and the grandstand, bleachers and clubhouse require attention. The diamond, too, needs a great deal of work, the base lines being worn low and the turf having become rough.

MAN IS INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP
August Klie Sustains Severe Abrasions on Right Leg in Accident Saturday.

It developed today that the man who was run down by an automobile at the corner of Twentieth street and Fourth avenue Saturday was painfully hurt. The injured man is August Klie, who resides at 415 Fourth street. Klie said that the front wheel ran over his right leg. After leaving the scene of the accident he limped down to the office of Dr. Joseph DeSilva, where he received treatment. The injured leg is badly bruised with several severe abrasions, and he will be obliged to use crutches for some weeks to come.

Mr. Klie stated that in the excitement he did not notice that he was injured.

PROVING HARD TO SECURE JURY FOR CONSPIRACY CASE

Entire Morning Spent in Examining Venire Without Obtaining Any Results.

TRY TO DODGE SERVICE?

Judge Graves Questions the Sincerity of Those Who Claim to Have Opinions Already Fixed.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon two more jurors had been accepted by both sides. They are Nat Reeves, foreman for the Moline Plow company, Moline, and John Graham, bookkeeper for the Rock Island National bank, Rock Island. This completes half of the jury.

George Reimers, cigar manufacturer of Moline, and George Sexton of Rock Island, were challenged by the state after being accepted by the defense, and were excused.

When circuit court took recess at noon today after a good morning's work, there were still only four jurors with permanent places in the box to hear the evidence in the trial of O. L. Bruner and L. M. Magill, charged with conspiracy. As a result of unusually searching examinations by Attorney S. R. Kenworthy, for the defense, 11 prospective jurors were dismissed, seven for cause and four peremptorily. Only one venireman of the dozen questioned was accepted by the defense, George Reimers of Moline, cigar manufacturer and dealer. The state did not pass on Reimers this morning.

Two of Kenworthy's dismissals were challenged by Prosecutor Wood, but Judge Graves, after a quizzing of the witnesses, allowed the dismissals to prevail. The original panel of 24 was exhausted in the dismissal by the defense of A. T. Kelso, Nels Nelson and Albert Lindquist, all of Moline.

Others, of the special venire of 30, summoned by Coroner R. C. J. Meyer, acting as sheriff, excused were F. K. Rhoads, Arthur McArthur and H. K. Walker of Rock Island, and Frank Prosser.

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The examination this morning revealed the fact that it is going to be a difficult task to select 12 men for jury service in this case who have had absolutely no previous knowledge bordering on the charges and their significance. The extended reports of the proceedings in bringing the defendants to trial since the indictment against them was returned by the January grand jury, as printed in tri-city newspapers, have been scanned in every section of the county, and while a good many of the prospective jurors called to the box declared they had formed no definite opinion directly bearing on the guilt or innocence of Bruner and Magill, the circumstances are well known. It is probable that another special panel will have to be summoned before the 12 men are selected.

Try to Evade Service.
Judge Graves "rapped" at several of the witnesses who declared they held fixed opinions, and he asked them frankly if they were making such statements in the hope of evading jury service. When Clark Gamble called out the name of Frank Swanson of Moline to enter the jury box, there was no response. Judge Graves explained he had excused him for the morning for good reasons, and stated he must come when called for. The court proved this morning in several cases that he is not to be lenient in the granting of excuses from jury service without an unusually satisfactory reason.

A ripple of laughter spread over the courtroom during the forenoon session when several of the jurymen were seen to rise in their seats in sudden surprise. A queer noise from the rear of the room was cause for the startle, and investigation showed the author to be Sheriff Bruner, who was lowering a shade on one of the rear windows.

COUNCIL TO BUY A TOURING AUTO
Commissioners Receive Bids for Ford Two-Seated Car for Use of Officials.

The city commissioners at their regular meeting, to be held this afternoon, will decide upon the purchase of a car to be used by the superintendent of the waterworks and for the city engineer.

Two bids have been received by Mayor Harry M. Schriver and both are for Ford cars. The prices in both are the same, but in one bid an extra inner tube, valued at \$3.55, is "thrown in."

The auto which will be purchased is a two-seated touring car. The bid of Horst & Strietor for the Ford touring car is \$569. E. H. Krell, also agent for the Ford, offered the car and inner tube, for the same price.

The commissioners deem a car necessary for the use of both engineer and superintendent, claiming that both officials have much walking to do, as they are called upon to visit many portions of the city.

Dufva, Charles Gustafson, W. B. Samuel, F. B. Walker and Irvin Cox, all of Moline, Counsel for the defense dismissed Kelso, Nelson, Dufva, Gustafson, J. B. Walker, H. K. Walker and Cox for cause. The other four were peremptorily dismissals.

Judge E. C. Graves, from the bench, took a more active hand in the examination of jurors this morning than at any time since the effort to fill the jurors' box with satisfactory candidates was commenced last Friday. For the benefit of the men called into the box, the court very briefly asserted the charge under which Bruner and Magill are being tried, so there would be no prospect of misunderstanding the questions of counsel on this score.

"The indictment against the defendants, Bruner and Magill, charges them with jointly entering into a conspiracy with intent to do illegal acts injurious to the administration of public justice," stated the court.

Have Opinions.
The majority of the veniremen examined this morning confessed, under cross examination, that they had fixed opinions regarding the guilt or innocence of the defendants and a great portion of attorney Kenworthy's questioning was of psychological import—an attempt to correctly analyze the attitude of mind with which the several witnesses, claiming to have fixed opinions, gained for the most part from reading the newspaper accounts of the charges and the proceedings, would enter this trial.

In examining George Sexton, Rock Island clothing merchant, the final act before the noon adjournment, Attorney Kenworthy put such a question as this to test the witness' attitude of mind in the light of a statement that he had a fixed opinion in the matter: "Do you feel in your own mind that if you are selected now as a juror to try this case that you can assume that attitude of mind presuming the defendants innocent, and continue that attitude throughout this trial, unless you are driven to believe beyond all reasonable doubt that they are not?"

Objects to Word.
Prosecutor Wood objected to the employment of the word "driven" in this connection, and the court took up the point. Judge Graves yielded with Wood in the objection, although he said the use of the word was not improper if it were definitely understood by the witness. The idea of "driven" leaves one to assume, the court said, that there is an attitude of mind that is opposed to accept the evidence as it may be presented. Attorney Kenworthy took exception to the objection, declaring it was proper in criminal procedure.

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Let Contracts Soon.
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Estimates High.
There is also a communication from P. C. McArdle, acting chief state highway engineer, addressed to the chairman of the board of supervisors, in which it is stated "The requirements of the law are such as to make it necessary that our estimates should be higher than the price at which we expect the work to be actually done. We therefore anticipate that the bids will be considerably under the estimate. If the figures we have given you shall be greater than you have anticipated, it will be by reason of the fact just stated as we are because of our having included extra grading drainage, etc."

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD WILL BE CALLED

Supervisors Must Convene This Month to Pass Appropriation for State Roads.

SPECIFICATIONS ARRIVE

Highway Commission Notices County Clerk Hubbard Contracts Will Be Soon Let.

County Clerk H. B. Hubbard is arranging to call a special meeting of the board of supervisors the latter part of this month for the purpose of passing a final resolution calling for the appropriation of \$7,153, or as much as may be necessary to pay for one-half of the sum which will be expended for state aid roads in Rock Island county this year.

It is planned to improve three stretches of road in the county this year. They are at Sears, in Zuma township and at Taylor Ridge. This morning Clerk Hubbard received a copy of the following report of the state engineer to the state highway commission relative to the last named road and it is supposed that notices concerning the others will be sent in due time.

Engineer's Report.
"In regard to the improvements of a state aid road in Rock Island county, known as section A on route 11, as provided for in preliminary resolution of the county board, dated March 6, 1914.

"In general the work contemplated improving the existing road by the construction of a concrete highway, 18 feet wide, beginning at a point 31 feet west of the section stone between Edgington and Bowling townships at Taylor Ridge, and running thence west for a distance of 4,469 feet.

"Accompanying this report and forming a part thereof, are submitted plans and specifications for the proposed work, the qualities of such work being set forth herein, together with the estimated cost:

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| 3,024 cubic yards excavation in earth | \$ 907 |
| 19.4 cubic yards reinforced concrete in culverts | 213 |
| 34 cubic yards plain concrete in culverts | 275 |
| 5,953 sq. yards of earth should be | 267 |
| 8,938 sq. yards of concrete pavement | 10,761 |
| 2,760 linear feet 6 inch vitrified pipe under drain | 276 |
| Profit and overhead | 1,171 |
| Total | 15,750 |

"The only materials to be furnished by the state are 3,435 barrels of cement contracted for at \$1.15 per barrel, making the total estimated value of such materials \$3,950.

"The total estimated cost of the work, including the cement to be furnished by the state is \$13,870.

"The estimated cost of the work, to be done by contract, including all labor and materials, exclusive of that furnished by the state, is \$9,920.

"Total amount to be paid by the state on the complete work is \$6,935 which includes materials to the value of \$3,950 to be furnished by the state.

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MRS. R. CRAMPTON CALLED BY DEATH

Member of Well Known Family Succumbs to Affliction of Many Years.

FUNERAL HELD FROM HOME

Demise Follows That of Mrs. Abbie Morris, Foster-Mother, Who Passed Away Four Months Ago.

Mrs. Robert Crampton died Saturday afternoon at 2:45 at her home in Bowling, her demise resulting from a complication of diseases with which she had been suffering for many years. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, Rev. W. H. Slaw of Milan being in charge. Interment took place in Chippianock cemetery.

Mrs. Crampton was a member of one of the leading families of the lower end of the county. She was born in Frankfort, Germany, Nov. 17, 1850, being the daughter of Ferdinand and Barbara Eckhardt. At the age of one year she was brought by her parents to this country, living for three years at Cincinnati before removing to Buffalo Prairie in this county. When five years of age she was adopted by John and Abbie Morris and was reared by them, taking their name. Her marriage to Robert Crampton took place Oct. 7, 1875, and the couple had ever since made their home in Bowling.

Four Children Survive.

Five children were born to this union, Faith Anna having preceded her mother in death. The other children, who with the husband survive are John Morris and Carl Eckhardt Crampton of Bowling, Alford William of this city, and Mrs. Martin Johns of Edgington. Mrs. Crampton is also survived by her mother, who is living at the Crampton home; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Salpaugh of this city and Mrs. Gertrude Elliott of Buffalo Prairie, and five brothers, Dr. Peter Eckhardt of Taylor Ridge, John and Caspar of Buffalo Prairie, George of Chicago and William of Milan. There are also three grandchildren living. Mrs. Morris, her foster-mother, died March 29, last.

For many years Mrs. Crampton was a member of the Presbyterian church in Bowling and her life was filled with many acts of love and kindness. Her home life was ideal, while her charities were many, touching a multitude of lives. Her passing will cause sincere mourning.

Miss Elsie Bedford.

Miss Elsie Bedford, 21 years of age, of Matherville, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock at St. Anthony's hospital, after a short illness with peritonitis. An operation was performed the latter part of last week in an effort to save her life.

The remains were sent to Matherville this morning for burial.

Funeral of August Burgman.

The funeral of August Burgman was held this afternoon at 2:30 from the home, 2505 Thirteenth avenue. Rev. Ira Nothstein of the Grace Lutheran church had charge of the services. Interment was in Chippianock cemetery.

Funeral of Edwin Baker.

The funeral services of Edwin Baker were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church at Illinois City. Interment was in Illinois City cemetery.

Origin of Life.
The scientific world is not in possession of even one fact as to the origin of life nor of the origin of anything whatever. All animals now start from very minute bodies called cells. Each kind of animal has its own fixed kind of cell. One kind of cell never changes into another. But the origin of the cell for each kind of animal is totally unknown.—New York American.

PERSONAL POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. William Crubaugh, 901 Third avenue, left Saturday for Colorado Springs, Col.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schroeder, 1207 Second street, welcomed a fine daughter to their home yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Schrieker of the Sala flats left yesterday for Colorado Springs, Col., on a two weeks' trip.

Mrs. James Nicholson returned this morning to her home in Des Moines, after spending a week with friends and relatives in the city.

H. M. Craig, boys' secretary, and L. R. Leidig, assistant secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., went this morning to Lake Geneva, where they will spend two weeks in attendance at the Y. M. C. A. summer training school session.

Mrs. M. E. Chatley will leave the latter part of the week to spend the next several months with her mother in Cleveland, Ohio, and with other relatives at various points in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Rev. Mr. Chatley will join her in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mauck of Melville, Sask., Canada, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wham, 1620 Twenty-fifth street. Mr. Mauck, who is a nephew of Mr. Wham, was married July 1 at Buffalo, N. Y., and this is made as a wedding trip. He was formerly a Rock Island boy and graduated from Augustana college.

Mrs. C. S. Morris, 725 Thirteenth street, accompanied by her grand daughter Allyne Burt, returned home Sunday from a three weeks' visit with her son L. T. Morris at Omaha. She will accompany Mr. Morris to St. Paul tonight, where the latter goes to attend the meeting of the scale expert association of which he is vice president. Mrs. Morris will visit with friends during the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Marron and son Charles left Saturday for Detroit, Mich., to attend the national convention of electrical contractors. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stapp of Peoria and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kunkle of Davenport. They traveled from here to Chicago in Mr. Marron's car. From Chicago they go by lake to Benton Harbor from where the journey will be continued by car to Detroit.

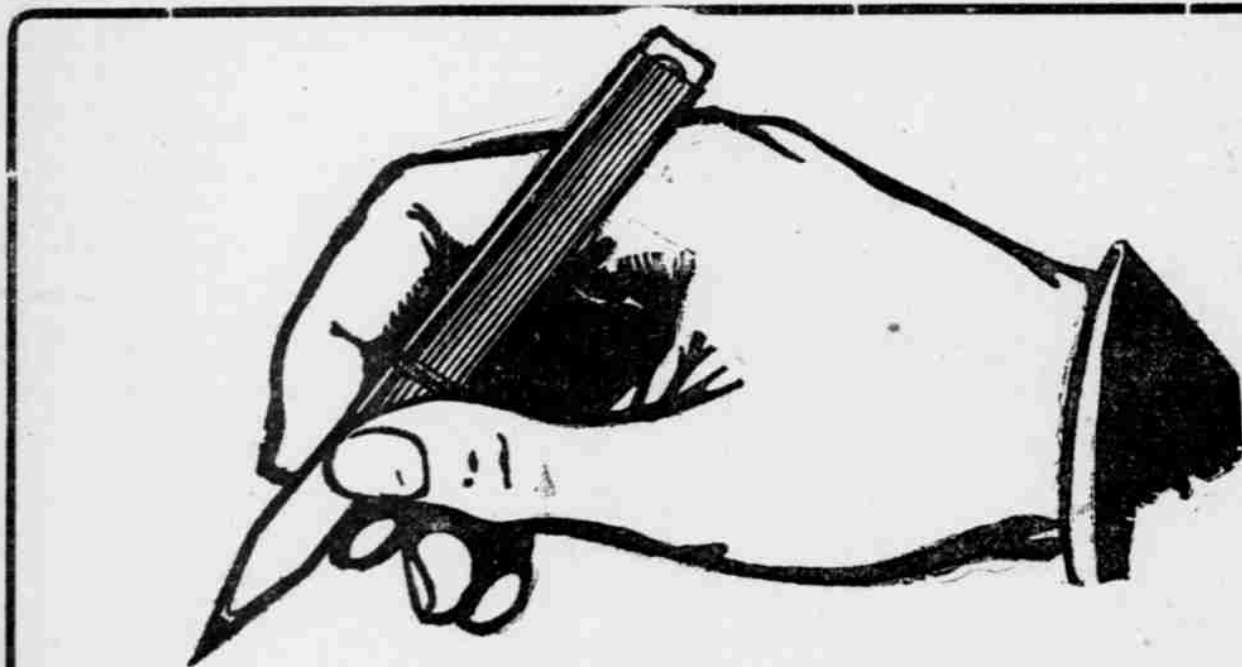
VALUABLE CRUISER

IS LAUNCHED HERE

The launching of a big cruiser attracted quite a crowd at the foot of Nineteenth street this morning at 8 o'clock. The craft, Blanche B, is the property of Warren Beckwith of Burlington. The boat was sent to Chicago for repairs, and shipped to this city by rail. Mr. Beckwith will proceed from Rock Island to Burlington by way of the river. The boat was launched with the help of the Sand & Gravel company's crane.

The boat is 35 feet long by 5 1/2 feet wide. It is equipped with a 60 horsepower automobile engine of six cylinders and is capable of going 25 miles an hour. The deck of the boat is made of mahogany as well as the cabin, and the interior arrangements are provided with all modern devices.

Many stores have been established in several Chinese cities for the purpose of handling American made shoes exclusively.



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Today begins the second week of our Reducing Pencil, or Mid-Summer Clearing sale. And we have every reason to believe that this sale is going to be a record breaking event. We base our prediction upon three important factors—the HIGH quality, the LOW prices, and the way tri-city people have responded during the first week.

When we planned this sale we realized, that in order to make it highly successful, it would be necessary to present, to the people of the tri-cities, very sensational values. We realized further that in order to induce tri-city people to buy as much as they should right now, it would be necessary to show them savings worth while.

Come tomorrow and see how well our plans were laid and our purpose accomplished. Every department of this big and most dependable tri-city store is fairly bristling with opportunities to save.

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